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ANNUAL EMSAAC CONFERENCE

**April 30
& May 1, 2019**

**EMS
AT PEAK
PERFORMANCE**



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The EMS Administrators' Association of California (EMSAAC) cordially invites California's EMS leaders and professionals to join us for the EMSAAC Annual Conference 2019 at Tenaya Lodge in the beautiful mountains outside Yosemite Valley. EMSAAC continues to lead the way in creating conferences that are meaningful and exciting to attend. This year's theme, "EMS AT PEAK PERFORMANCE" provides a broad variety of subject matter to interest all levels of prehospital care personnel and managers including ambulance providers, fire department personnel, military and law enforcement partners, EMS agency personnel, ED nurses, physicians and emergency preparedness coordinators, and all who provide life-saving EMS services to their communities. The conference includes lectures, panel discussions and opportunities to network with current leaders and innovators in EMS as well as previews new and upcoming equipment, products and services.

About EMSAAC

EMSAAC is composed of administrators from 33 Local EMS Agencies (LEMSAs). These county-designated agencies are responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating a local, integrated system of emergency medical services. The LEMSAs partner with the California EMS Authority to carry out applicable regulations and guidelines statewide.

Continuing Education Credits

This conference has been planned and implemented to provide instructor-based continuing education for nurses and prehospital care professionals through the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Agency, a division of the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Provider is approved by the California Board of registered Nursing, BRN Provider #13945 for up to 11 contact hours. California EMS CE provided by the Orange County EMS Agency CEP#30-0001. Up to 11 hours of instructor-based CE will be issued to EMTs, paramedics and MICNs upon completion.

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The Resort

An elegant resort in the California High Sierra, Tenaya Lodge is your gateway to four seasons of Yosemite adventure. At Tenaya Lodge, you rest, play and rejuvenate. Relax by one of several pools and hot tubs, stroll through the surrounding forest, pamper yourself at the Ascent Spa or just enjoy a glass of wine sitting at one of the indoor and outdoor fireplaces. As a premier Northern California Four-Diamond hotel and top meeting center, the Lodge has received countless awards and has been a consistent winner of the Sunset Magazine Travel Award as well as the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence.

Rates & Reservations

Please make your own reservations and be sure to request the EMSAAC Conference reduced rate of \$199 per night plus a \$20 resort fee (excludes taxes). This low rate includes:

- ▲ Complimentary guestroom
- ▲ Indoor and outdoor pools
- ▲ Four spa hot tubs
- ▲ Fitness center
- ▲ Game room
- ▲ Free parking



A block of rooms will be held until March 26, 2019. After this date, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. This conference rate will be offered on a space available basis only and will be subject to restrictions. Accommodations are available for check in at 4:00PM. Check out is at 11:00AM.

Your Sleeping Room

A variety of room types are available. The conference rate is for a standard room with a King or 2 Queen beds. Upgrades and Explorer Cabins are available at separate rates. Almost all of the rooms have a forest view. The amenities feature in guestrooms include AC/heat and minibars. Business-friendly amenities include multi-line phones, desks, and voice mail. Bathrooms provide bathrobes and hair dryers.



Transportation from Fresno to Tenaya Lodge

A shuttle option may be available. If you are flying into Fresno and are interested, please email crmeyer411@gmail.com for more information.

Alternate Hotel Options

- Narrow Gauge Inn in Fish Camp (5minutes) **559-683-7720**
- Big Trees Lodge in Wawona (15 minutes) **888-413-8869**
- Best Western in Oakhurst (20 minutes) **855-516-1090**

▲ Conference Program

DAY 1 - Tuesday, April 30, 2019

7:00 am - 4:30 pm

Alpine Start (Registration)

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Meet the Gear Guys & Gals (Exhibitors)

Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:00 am - 8:10 am

First Ascentionist - Welcome

Tammi McConnell, EMSAAC President

Director, Orange EMS Agency

8:10 am - 8:30 am

Welcome to Yosemite

Kevin Killian

Chief Ranger, Yosemite National Park

8:30 am - 9:30 am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bouldering the National Issues of EMS

Dia Gainor, MPA, Executive Director, National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)

As spokesperson for EMS officials across the nation, Dia Gainor will give us an overview of major issues that face the diverse EMS systems across the country and how the future EMS Agenda 2050 will change the quality of patient care as well as the quality of providers' work environments.

9:30 am - 10:00 am

"Rest Step" (Break with Exhibitors)

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Scaling the Ups and Downs of Quality Decision-Making

*Tomas Aragon, MD, DrPH, Health Officer
City and County of San Francisco*

As the Health Officer and Director of Population Health at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, Dr. Aragon is interested in the practical application of decisions and complexity sciences to health leadership, knowledge management, and organizational performance. He will apply this quality decision-making to EMS.

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Look How Far We've Climbed...?

*Matthew Streger, paramedic & attorney
Law Firm of Keavney & Streager*

Over the past 40 years, the field of EMS has made some dramatic strides, especially in the quality of

medical care we provide. But a deeper look at our industry shows that we have not made as much progress as we think. This lecture will look at some critical areas in EMS, such as workplace violence, patient movement, opioids, provider wellness, lights and sirens use, boundary issues, and harassment and see what progress we have made. To help illustrate these points, we will look through the lens of cinema using the movie masterpiece "Mother, Jugs, and Speed."

12:15 am - 1:30 pm

Nutrition for Mountaineers (lunch) & Networking

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Dynamic Climbing in EMS – Research Panel

Moderators:

Karl Sporer, MD, Alameda EMS Agency

Nichole Bosson, MD, LA EMS Agency

Organized by EMDAC, each year rave reviews are received for a panel of different researchers in the field of EMS who present data, trials or published papers keeping us abreast of the newest innovations and thinking backed by evidence-based foundations.

1) LAFD's Approach to Mobile Integrated Healthcare & EMS Dispatch

Marc Eckstein, MD, MPH, LA City Fire Department & Keck School of Medicine USC

*Stephen Sanko, MD, LA City Fire Department
& LAC+USC Medical Center*

Discuss an innovative approach to low acuity calls and a novel EMS dispatch system.

2) Intranasal Midazolam for the Prehospital Treatment of Pediatric Seizures

Denise Whitfield, MD, MPH, LA EMS Agency & Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Discuss a noninferiority study of intranasal midazolam for pediatric seizure compared to IV and IM routes of administration.

3) Safety of an Out-of-Hospital Screening Protocol to "Medically Clear" Psychiatric Emergencies in the Field

Tarak Trivedi, MD, UCLA Medical Center

Compare patients on involuntary holds with all EMS patients, and evaluate the safety of field medical clearance of an established field-screening protocol over a 5 year time period.

3:00 pm - 3:30pm

"Cut-Loose" with Exhibitors

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Belaying the EMS Provider: Fit for Duty

James Boomhower, BS, NRP, RP-C, C-NPT

Distance CME Instructor & Boston Medflight

The speaker's passion for EMS education is realized through his position as an instructor for Distance CME's online CE program. His desire to bring mental health awareness to the EMS arena has spurred him to create the Fit for Duty platform as well as work to implement a peer support program in his workplace. James is working to realize his goal of promoting recognition, management and acceptance of acute stress in EMS providers throughout the world.

4:30 pm - 4:40 pm

"Down Climb" for the Day: Day's Wrap Up

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Power Climb: President's Reception

Exhibit Hall (light hors d'oeuvres)

▲ Conference Program

DAY 2 - Wednesday, May 1, 2019

8:00 am - 8:30am

Power Up - Visit Exhibitors

Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:30 am - 8:45 am

Ascending – Day's Introduction & Leadership Award

*Tammi McConnell, EMSAAC President
Director, Orange EMS Agency*

Dan Burch, San Joaquin EMS Agency

8:45 am - 9:45 am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Traversing the Crevasses of Sex Trafficking in the World of EMS

Wendy Barnes, AA, Dignity Health

An author and survivor of child sexual abuse, sex trafficking and intimate partner violence, Wendy is a national speaker, using her own experiences to educate and empower audiences in the fight against exploitation. Having had multiple encounters with health care professional and other first responders during her harrowing experience, she will share important information about how EMS can identify and treat these victims with dignity.

9:45 am - 10:45 am

Death Triangle: Compassion Fatigue

Jay Westbrook, RN

Compassion Fatigue is a dysfunctional state manifested by apathy, mistake-making and exhaustion, and created by prolonged and ongoing exposure to vicarious suffering and trauma. Often confused with burnout, it is distinct in terms of its causes and effects and is ultimately more dangerous and costly. The speaker will address ways to reduce Compassion Fatigue and increase safety for patients and personnel.

10:45 am - 11:15 am

"Stopper" with Exhibitors

11:15 am - 12:15 am

Wilderness Medicine

Howard Backer, MD

With years of personal experience in the wilderness, Dr. Backer will highlight key wilderness problems and management for EMS personnel.

12:15 am – 1:15 pm

Lunch "On the Rock" / Final Visit with Exhibitors

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Alternate Destinations – Is it a "Big Wall" Change or NOT?

Brenda Staffan, REMSA

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

"Retreat from the Climb" (Stretch Break)

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

"Hitting the Wall" – Options for APOT

Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) is the bane of every EMS administrator's existence and is frustrating and costly for EMS providers. The panel will discuss issues and possible solutions used in certain systems as well as potential statewide options.

Bruce Barton, Riverside EMS Agency

Tom Lynch, ICEMA

John Surface, Hall Ambulance, Kern County

BJ Bartleson, CHA

3:45 pm

"Descending" and Final Raffle

▲ Keynote Speakers



Dia Gainor – Dia Gainor is the Executive Director and a past President of the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials. Her association's members are state agencies that regulate and support EMS systems. She worked for two state EMS offices for 27 years, 19 of which was as the Bureau Chief of Emergency Medical Services for the State of Idaho, where she was known for innovative regulatory reform. Dia has a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Health Services Administration, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the George Washington University, is certified by the Juran Institute as a Six Sigma Black Belt, and has 12 years of field experience as a volunteer paramedic and firefighter. In 2008 Dia was appointed by the Secretary of the US DOT to serve on the Congressionally-established National EMS Advisory Council and was selected by the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to be the Council's first Chairman, which she fulfilled for 3 years. She is a 2009 EMS 10 Innovators alum and the 2010 James O. Page EMS Award recipient. In 2012, Dia was presented NHTSA's Public Service Award by Administrator David Strickland for "outstanding national leadership in enhancing the collaboration among highway safety, public health, transportation, and emergency medical services". The National Wildfire Coordinating Group Incident Emergency Medical subcommittee selected Dia as the first recipient of the Wildfire EMS Distinguished Service Award in 2013. In 2016, EMS1.com named Dia as one of the 14 most influential women in EMS.



Wendy Barnes – In January 2018, Dignity Health welcomed Wendy Barnes, a survivor of child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and intimate partner violence as HTR Program Coordinator. Wendy is a national speaker, using her own experiences to educate and empower audiences in the fight against exploitation. Her story illustrates how abuse can make a young person vulnerable and serves as an example that freedom and restoration are possible. When educating health care audiences, Wendy often shares examples of her own encounters with hospitals, clinics, and private practices. Wendy was trafficked by the father of her children for over ten years. During that time, Wendy had multiple encounters with health care professionals and other first responders, including law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency department personnel, maternal child health professionals, and private practice physicians.

Wendy has an Associate's Degree in General Studies and has written a memoir, *And Life Continues: Sex Trafficking and My Journey to Freedom*. Wendy also co-authored a chapter in *Human Trafficking Is a Public Health Issue: A Paradigm Expansion in the United States* (Springer, 2017). Wendy has appeared on talk shows such as Dr. Phil, and her story has been featured in news articles and documentaries like "Flesh: Bought and Sold in the U.S."

Wendy has consulted for numerous organizations and initiatives, including Homeland Security's Blue Campaign, Via Christi Health (owned by Ascension Health), Not For Sale, and ImPact Virginia. Wendy has also provided education to law enforcement officers and students at universities, including Vanguard University and St. Mary's College of California. Wendy is a member of the National Survivor Network and the international Survivor Alliance.



Matthew Streger - Matthew R. Streger is a paramedic and attorney with more than thirty years of EMS experience. Matthew is a Partner at the law firm of Keavney & Streger in New Jersey and focuses his practice on the needs of EMS agencies and providers. He is the recipient of the 2018 New Jersey State Bar Association Health Law Distinguished Service Award, the 2012 Service to the Bar Award, and led his agency to the 2014 New Jersey EMS System of the Year Award. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Matthew has practiced law since 2006. He is a past Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association Health Law Section, and a past leader in the Young Lawyers Division. Matthew previously worked in EMS systems in New Jersey, New York, South Carolina and Ohio. He has served as the Executive Director of Mobile Health Services (EMS) at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Jersey and the Deputy Commissioner of EMS in Cleveland. He currently sits on the Panel of Commissioners for CAAS and is a

member of the CAAS standards review committee.

Matthew completed his Paramedic Training at the UMDNJ School of Health Related Professions in Newark, New Jersey. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from the City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, a Master of Public Administration Degree from Clemson University, and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law.

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Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations prior to April 12, 2019 will receive a refund minus \$50. No refunds after April 12.

Early Registration (Full payment must be received prior to March 30, 2019) NOTE: The first 50 paid registrations will be entered into a raffle for a special door prize.	\$360
Registration – if payment is received after March 30, 2019	\$450
No. of additional lunches (non-registered)	\$45ea

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